

Friends,

March 27, 2015

Twice a month, our Governor & Council meetings are immeasurably improved when a class of 4th-graders touring the State House stops in. Explaining to children what you are doing makes you stop and think about it in simple terms. It takes the edge off when debates get too personal. And in every face that walks by my chair I see my two sons, whose future means everything to me.

Last week, after some lawmakers made the headlines by insulting a class of fourth graders at the state house, I had the good fortune to run into a constituent and teacher named Kathy Frick from Harrisville, NH who began the tradition of civic learning-by-doing among NH school children when her 3rd & 4th grade children successfully lobbied to make the pumpkin the state fruit, back in 2006.

Talking with her inspired me to write [an op/ed piece which you can read here](#), about how our kids deserve better; better civility, and better policies too.

As for the rest of the Council meeting, we approved 55+ items including:

- **In Central NH:** Extended weatherization and senior companion contracts with Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program by 3 months each; replacement of the concrete bridge deck on the Hooksett Toll Plaza access road; state road crack sealing in Newbury-Bradford (NH103, 7mi), Canterbury-Loudon-Gilmanton-Belmont (NH106, 8mi), Henniker-Hopkinton (US202, 7mi), and Concord-Pembroke (US3, 4mi); purchase of a residential plot to extend the State Military Reservation fence line in Concord; acquire a 188 acre conservation easement in Canterbury; and approved a \$765k loan to finance water system improvements in Franklin.
- **In the Monadnock region:** Transitional housing for homeless individuals through Southwestern Community Services; and crack-sealing on 3 miles of NH12 in Keene.
- **In Strafford Co:** Health screening & referral services at the Goodwin Health Center in Somersworth; crack-sealing on 3 miles of NH4 in Rollinsford; and completion of a Great Bay Estuary study at UNH.
- **Statewide Issues:** Yearlong extension of a grant for the NH Pharmacy Drug Monitoring program; a federally-funded media campaign to help adults at risk of type 2 diabetes; grants for installation of electric vehicle charging station & idle reduction equipment.
- **Appointments & Confirmations:** Eleven appointments were confirmed including a new state Comptroller and reappointed Deputy Attorney General; and six appointments were nominated for a vote at the next meeting, including Bill Cass as the Assistant Commissioner of the Dept of Transportation. Full list with names below.

The Governor & Council will next meet on April 8th in Concord. As always, please send any questions, comments or ideas my way.

Sincerely,
Colin

Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 3/25 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#C](#). Authorized to amend the **sole source** contract agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9-17-14, item #34), for the federal Weatherization Assistance Program, by extending the end date from March 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#12](#) Authorized to exercise a renewal option to an existing **sole source** agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6-18-14, item #107), to provide Senior Companion services, by increasing the price by \$37,500 from \$30,000 to \$67,500, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2015 to September 30, 2016. **100% General Funds.**

[#22](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.S. Audley Inc., Bow, NH, for replacing the existing concrete bridge deck on the Hooksett Toll Plaza Access Road over the I-93 Exit 11 northbound off-ramp in Hooksett, on the basis of a low bid of \$539,443.90. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$26,972.20 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2015. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

[#23](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Annseal Inc., Johnson City, NY, for approximately 74 miles of crack sealing treatment throughout the State, on the basis of a low bid of \$733,719. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$36,685.95 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 28, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#28](#) Authorized to purchase property adjacent to the State Military Reservation, Concord, NH, from the Clinton W. Patten Estate in the amount of \$75,524 for the purpose of extending the current fence lines in order to meet current anti-terrorism/force protection setback distances. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General – Capital Funds.**

[#35](#) Authorized to acquire a conservation easement on 188 +/- acres in Canterbury from the Law Office of Mark R. Dunn on behalf of James F. Carter and Sandra F. Carter of Canterbury, Trustees of the James F. Carter and Sandra F. Carter Irrevocable Trust in the amount of \$169,750. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further Authorized to deposit \$15,000 in the NH Land Conservation Endowment held by the Department of Treasury for conservation easement monitoring and stewardship by the Office of Energy and Planning, Conservation Land Stewardship Program on behalf of NHFG and enabled by an MOA approved by G&C on 7-24-13, item #37. **100% Other (Wildlife Habitat) Funds.** (3) Further Authorized to enter into a MOA with the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program relative to the acceptance of a conservation easement from James F. Carter and Sandra F. Carter of Canterbury, Trustees of the James F. Carter and Sandra F. Carter Irrevocable Trust.

[#41](#) Authorized a loan agreement with the City of Franklin, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$765,000 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Repayment Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#7](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, to provide Transitional Housing services to homeless individuals in an amount not to exceed \$84,666. Effective April 1, 2015 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through March 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds**

[#23](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Annseal Inc., Johnson City, NY, for approximately 74 miles of crack sealing treatment throughout the State, on the basis of a low bid of \$733,719. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$36,685.95 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 28, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#14](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with the vendors as detailed in letter dated February 18, 2015, for the provision of the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Services, in an amount not to exceed \$337,172. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#23](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Annseal Inc., Johnson City, NY, for approximately 74 miles of crack sealing treatment throughout the State, on the basis of a low bid of \$733,719. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$36,685.95 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 28, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#42](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with the University of NH, to complete the *Great Bay Estuary Municipal Bioretention Education, Resource Development and Implementation, Phase II*, in the amount of \$131,000. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#A.](#) Authorized to amend a subgrant in the amount of \$368,871 to the NH Board of Pharmacy Drug Monitor Program (originally approved by G&C on 10-16-13, item #41), from the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Grant Award, by extending the end date from March 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016. No Additional Funds. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#10](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with the JSI Research and Training Institute Inc., d/b/a Community Health Institute, Bow, NH, to develop, manage and evaluate a media campaign that targets adults at risk for type 2 diabetes, statewide, in an amount not to exceed \$223,988. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#37](#) Authorized to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Office of Energy and Planning for the purpose of funding grants for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations and vehicle idle reduction equipment. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016.

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Aviation Users Advisory Board

Garrett G. Miller, Hampton, NH

Family Mediator Certification Board

Richard L. Cram, Gilford, NH

Board of Land Surveyors

Joseph M. Wichert, Manchester, NH

Rivers Management Advisory Committee

Ruth B. Ward, Stoddard, NH *

Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Transportation

William J. Cass, Laconia, NH

Waste Management Council

Anthony Andre Belanger, Tilton, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Gerard J. Murphy, Concord, NH as the Director of Accounting Services/Comptroller at the Department of Administrative Services *

Zenagui Brahim, Pelham, NH to the Advanced Manufacturing Education Advisory Council

Margaret E. Callahan, Exeter, NH to the Advanced Manufacturing Education Advisory Council

Mark Lambert, Bedford, NH to the Air Resources Council

Ann M. Rice, Concord, NH as the Deputy Attorney General *

Jason tors, Sugar Hill, NH to the State Council on the Arts

Robert M. Buxton, Hudson, NH to the Fire Standards and Training Commission

John J. Colony, Harrisville, NH to the Land and Community Heritage Authority *

Kevin A. Sheppard, Manchester, NH to the Oil Fund Disbursement Board

Pamela Jolivet, Hopkinton, NH to the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation *

Charles Hardy, Hollis, NH to the Water Council

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